

October 5, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Fliehs, Opp, McGannon, Blackmun, Peterson and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Shawn Lambertz, Dwight Zerr, and Paul Kosel, Groton Independent. Glover was absent.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Opp and seconded by Peterson. All members present voted aye.

Renewal of the insurance coverages was discussed. Airport acreage was discussed.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Opp to authorize Shawn Lambertz to attend SD Municipal Electric Assoc. in Watertown Oct 6-7. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Fliehs. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll	369.40	salaries
Administrative Payroll	6,154.89	salaries
Public Safety Payroll	14,385.25	salaries
Public Works Payroll	16,755.33	salaries
Culture & Recr Payroll	5,676.90	salaries
1st State Bank	7,675.26	wh & ss
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	975.00	emp savings
Office of Child Support	344.31	emp child support
City of Groton	459.06	deposit refunds, postage
Mike & Kassie Dunbar	250.00	deposit refund
Paul & Holly Taylor	28.14	deposit refund
Harlan Williams	22.80	deposit refund
US Post Office	208.93	postage
SD Municipal League	115.00	conf reg
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	960.99	07 Flooded Sewer
1st National Bank	5,287.72	EPA Loan
1st National Bank	2,985.04	2nd St Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	7,670.84	Main St Water Loan
1st National Bank	4,344.69	RR Sewer Crossing Loan
1st National Bank	2,207.95	NE Sewer Loan
1st National Bank	6,975.69	West Ditch Sewer Loan
A & B Business	73.50	ink
April Abeln	460.00	dep flex
Avera Occup Medicine	61.90	drug test
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Chase Visa	917.50	books, office supplies, env
Clark Engineering	4,000.00	eng
Dakota Electronics	234.40	siren repair, battery
Dakota Supply Group	216.77	lights, elbow, sealer
Darrels	15.00	tire repair
The Electric Co of SD	3,448.99	boring,vac valves
Graham Tire	75.00	tire repair
Groton Independent	134.12	publishing
HD Supply	535.17	cplgs, balls
Harry Implement	20.00	end
Heartland Waste	6,202.82	garbage hauling
James Valley Tele	672.33	phone, internet
Johnson, Drew	750.00	legal services
Paul Kosel	450.97	med flex

Scott Krueger	630.00	HWH sales incentive
Lori's Pharmacy	9.26	battery, signs
Anita Lowary	23.00	mileage
NW Energy	1,055.27	nat gas
Runnings	9.99	wheel
S&S Lumber	141.21	supplies
SD Dept of Health	226.00	testing
SD Municipal League	65.00	conf reg
SD Public Assur Alliance	40,153.70	ins
SD Retirement	8,008.54	retire
T & R Electric	15.00	testing
Thurston Cattle Co	2,170.00	rent refund
United Lease & Finance	15,482.07	transformer loan
Verizon Wireless	41.61	gate comm
WEB Water	14,054.47	water

Glover enters the meeting at this point.

Department reports were given.

A request from Groton Area School to allow the Festival of Bands to have a parade on Oct 9 and to provide the additional seating as we did last year was granted on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye.

Finance Officer read a letter from NW Energy stating that our contract with NW Energy for wheeling power was revoked and the Southwest Power Pool would now be determining rates and providing bills.

Safety School and Pool Operators Certifications were discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to not attend the 2015 Safety School, but to conduct more safety meetings with employees.

McGannon leaves the meeting at this point.

A letter from Richard Kolker requesting forgiveness of \$6,728.90 for the 2005 curb & gutter and sidewalk special assessment on the Jack Dixon Estate property was read. He is seeking quiet title settlements for the property to be sold. Options were discussed and tabled.

McGannon reenters the meeting.

The following 9 outstanding checks totaling \$893.32 was cancelled on a motion by Glover and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

12/13/12 - \$80.00 Krause Land Development	5/20/14 - \$50.00 Carl Schwab
6/24/13 - \$200.00 Aberdeen Hard Ball Assoc.	5/20/14- \$250.00 Watertown Baseball
10/25/13 - \$78.57 Austin Jentz	7/22/14- \$4.62 Adam Franken
3/24/14 - \$204.78 Ashmore Zane	11/24/14 - \$13.20 Andy Fonken
3/24/14 - \$12.15 Jessica Otter	

A review of Groton Community Transit utility bills and services was given. Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to continue to have the City donate the value of the monthly utility bill to the transit. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session at 8:05 to discuss legal issues. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 8:30pm.

Meeting adjourned.